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1. The attitude of a number of Czechs met in Prague during the period from 28 February until 14 March 1955 was one of either indifference or even hostility to the Catholic Church. A true Communist when asked whether Archbishop Beran was still imprisoned only shrugged his shoulders.
2. Numerous Catholic churches which had been much crowded in war-time years were apparently less well attended.

3. [redacted] no [redacted] students dared to report his religious denomination and all students had pretended to have no church affiliations. [redacted]

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4. The St. Anna Church located near the Klementinum in Prague was to have been rebuilt into a Russian church.

[redacted] Comment. The situation of the Roman Catholic Church which is fought most ardently by the Communist regime is more difficult in Czechoslovakia than in other satellite countries.

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